



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Academy for Technology and Academics  
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 466  
 Director: David E Stoudenmire, Jr  
 Board Chair: Joe DeFeo  
 Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2012	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A
2011	Excellent	N/A	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF CAREER CENTERS IN SC\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
23	9	4	2	1

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/21/2013. All Career Centers in South Carolina are included.

## TECHNICAL SKILL ATTAINMENT

The percentage of students enrolled in career and technology courses at a center who earn a 2.0 or above on the final course grade.

Our Center		State Center Average (%)	
n	%	n	%
442	97.3%		89.4%

## GRADUATION RATE

The number of 12th grade career technology education students who graduate in the spring is divided by the number of 12th graders enrolled in the center and converted to a percentage.

Our Center		State Center Average (%)	
n	%	n	%
209	98.1%		94.9%

## PLACEMENT RATE

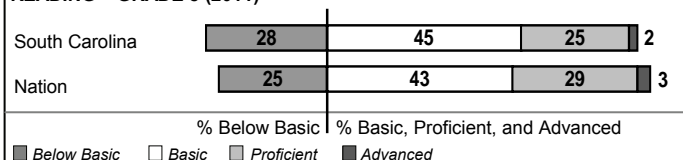
The number of career and technology completers who are available for placement in postsecondary instruction, military services, or employment is divided into the number of students over a three-year period who are actually placed and converted to a percentage. This criterion mirrors the Perkins standard.

Our Center		State Center Average (%)	
n	%	n	%
442	99.6%		96.5%

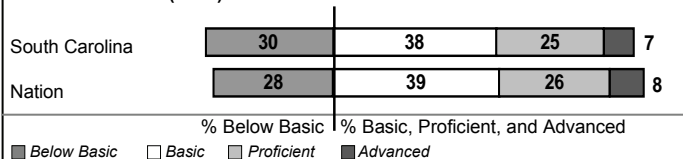
## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

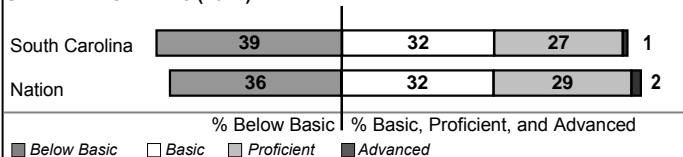
### READING – GRADE 8 (2011)



### MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)



### SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2011)



## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

### Abbreviations Key

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# Academy for Technology and Academics [Horry]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our Center	Change from Last Year	Median Career Center
<b>Students (n=466)</b>			
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	38.4%	Down from 41.3%	16.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	466	Down from 491	620
Students participating in work-based experiences	25.5%	Down from 32.0%	14.9%
<b>Teachers (n=39)</b>			
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.5%	Up from 61.1%	26.0%
Continuing contract teachers	79.5%	Down from 86.1%	78.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.6%	Up from 68.7%	90.6%
Teacher attendance rate	93.7%	Down from 95.0%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$56,546	Up 3.8%	\$48,591
Professional development days/teacher	19.6 days	Down from 21.0 days	12.7 days
<b>Center</b>			
Director's years at Center	14.0	Up from 13.0	7.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$11,132	Down 4.2%	\$3,188
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.0%	Down from 58.8%	58.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.0%	Down from 65.7%	66.5%
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	81.9%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	31	193	126
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.8%	88.1%	91.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100%	86%	85%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100%	83.9%	77.4%

\* Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF DIRECTOR AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

During the 2012-13 school year, the Academy for Technology and Academic students, faculty, and staff continued their goal to be the very best career and technology center in South Carolina. For the second year in a row, ATA was rated just that, #1 among career and technology centers in SC. Without a doubt, the 2012-2013 has been a very successful year at ATA for both staff and students.

Three teachers received state recognition for their hard work and dedication to the students of ATA: Dr. Teresa Nirenstein was named Teacher of the Year for the SCACTE Health Science Division; Sallie Loveland, our culinary arts teacher, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Family and Consumer Science Division of SCACTE; and English teacher Nicole Schildt was a finalist for the American School Board Association Teacher of the Year Award. Ruthenia Johnson, the school's bookkeeper, was recognized as the district's Support Staff Member of the Year.

ATA has always prided itself on serving the local community and this year was no exception.

As in previous years, our student organizations and career majors were actively involved in community service projects and in district, state and national competitions. Students raised funds and awareness for leukemia (Pennies for Patients), breast cancer, the homeless (ACF Souper Supper), and for a local hospice organization. Students in Culinary Arts participated in local culinary competitions: FLAVOR, in which they won 1st place, and the TRIO Dinner, a collaboration among local restaurants, HGT College and ATA. In addition, our students continued to excel at competitions. Our robotics team won 1st place in FIRST Robotics for the Palmetto Regional Robotics Competition and competed in St. Louis at the National competition, and several FBLA students won on the district and state level and are eligible to compete in the National competition that will be held in California. This year the school created the Ron Cowan Memorial Award in memory of our beloved media specialist.

A major goal of our academy continued to be raising academic and CATE EOCTs. This year ATA shows significant gains on our EOCTs and, once again, 100% of our cosmetology students earned their certification. ATA will continue to strive to be not just the best career and technology school in the state but in the nation. We have much to celebrate at ATA, and we look forward to providing a quality education to our students.

Londa Cross, School Improvement Chair  
David E Stoudenmire, Jr., Principal

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